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Editorial -- "Le's go ride da bus!"

By Pat Mata

With our entering the "New Depression," transportation is a real nuisance to the coin purse. The "gas war" is becoming so much out of hand that there are con-artists scheming behind almost every steering wheel trying to beat the pumps. Well, heres an easy and intelligent way to approach the transportation problem: let's ride the Salinas City Transit System.

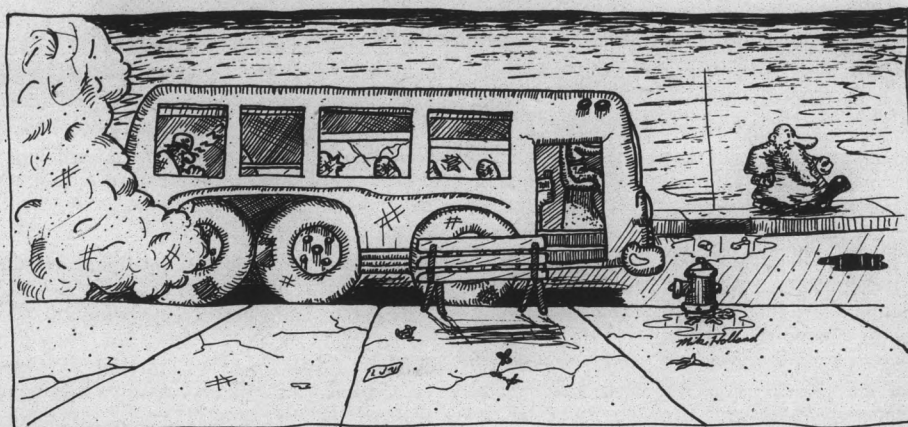
As it is, the bus doesn't cater to Hartnell College due to its inadequacy as a system. It is inadequate as far as the residential areas are concerned and there is no industrial service either. In order to ride the bus to work, most people have to walk or jog to the nearest bus stop to get to their jobs on time. This has to stop. Let's expand the bus routes to those areas where it is needed badly.

Right now, the fare for riding only one way is 30 cents. If the customer would pay a certain price monthly or bi-monthly that would enable him/her to ride for only 20 cents one way for a certain amount of time and senior citizens could ride free (like they do in San Francisco and in Santa Clara County), then it would be economical for both the customer and the system.

In order for the bus to cater to Hartnell College students and teachers it would have to start its route at 6 a.m. to get all of the early-class people to the college on schedule and end at 11 p.m. for night class students and instructors to come home. If the drivers now employed didn't want to work those hours, I'm sure that there are well-trained students who could continue carrying the load.

Ernie Payne

Last Saturday afternoon, I had the pleasure of speaking with one of the bus drivers, Ernie Payne. Ernie's been bus driving for 7 years here, while having driven taxi cabs for 17 years prior in the Bay area, Reno and Monterey. He's 55 years old, sporting white hair neatly



combed straight back. Speaking politely, Ernie would love to see the transit system changed to fit the needs of our community.

After having asked Ernie about the possibility of the discount card, he replied that the discount could work as good promotion because "the system's so hard up for money..." and "...they'd welcome it." He went on to tell me how it seems that hardly anyone knows of the transit here in Salinas.

On the subject of letting senior citizens ride the bus free, he said that in 1974 theres to be a change towards a "new policy" on the same basis as the transit systems in "the city" and in Santa Clara County where the elders can ride free of charge.

Ernie told me that the city subsidizes the transit and that it will run on a county-wide system in 74 with the help of the Federal government.

You Can Help

If you want to ride the bus, you're going to have to inform the transit system as to how many of you are truly interested.

Please fill out the questionnaire and then drop it into the Sentinel Office located inside FOB 23 immediately. The results will be printed as soon as possible.

Please circle one:

How often do you ride the bus now?

Never Sometimes Often

If the bus system were more convenient, how often would you ride the bus?

Never Sometimes Often

And music filled the air

The Music Association of California Community Colleges held its Winter conference Jan. 11 and 12 here on Hartnell College Campus.

Six music groups from the surrounding California community colleges participated in the event that featured a piano clinic at 10 a.m. and the honor band

performing at 1:30 p.m. Among those colleges that came were Cabrillo, Cuesta, De Anza, Merced, M.P.C. and Hartnell.

It was held in the new Performing Arts Center, located behind the library. Music Professor Robert Lee of Hartnell was the conference's Honor Band Chairperson.

Apathy multiplier: college mathematics in action

By Tim Haag

It's seen everywhere at Hartnell. It's seen at the voting booths on election day. It's seen at most non-athletic student body functions.

"It" is apathy. This article, however, is not meant to degrade Hartnell in particular. Apathy is present in nearly every community college in existence.

There are, of course, several reasons as to why the indifference exists. Says Miss June Handley, teacher of health education and formerly Dean of Students at the school: "There's no vital, vivacious core group to lead (activities, etc.)."

This points to a kind of social fragmentation that seems to have emerged over the last 10 years. More distinct cliques have appeared as people try to find security among those who have very similar interests rather than just a common place of learning. While cliques have always been a part of social life at college, there is less and less overlap between members, that is, the membership is somewhat more rigid.

Another aspect of these social groupings is the change of interests among the people. Joe Rossi, a former student (1971) and presently part-owner of Rossi Distributor, Inc., feels that when he attended the school, close to half the students aimed toward rounded education and an A.A. degree, while another 30 to 40 per cent were looking to a four-year college, with the remainder simply wasting their time.

Miss Handley agrees. She characterizes today's student population as con-

sisting of two groups: those more serious with the intent of going to a four-year college, and the "goof-offs." According to her, there used to be a third group, one which was both active and interested in furthering their education.

Goal-orientation has also become a predominant attitude change over the years. Overall, a more serious vein has been attached to the two-year stay at a junior college. It is seen more and more as a "stepping stone" and the students are preparing for the competition of later life, focusing on a career at an earlier stage than students of a decade before. The fact that he is at a J.C. many times implies the student's desire to hold a job along with completing his studies, and this takes even more time away from interest in student activities.

The overall lack of activities evolves from a number of reasons. "There was a beautiful relationship between the students and faculty," says Joe Rossi, in reference to his stay at Hartnell. "There is much less faculty-student involvement," states Miss Handley, referring to the present situation. Humorous skits put on by the faculty were a frequent happening a decade ago.

The existing apathy is part of a cycle which breeds more apathy. People don't care to put on activities because there is a good chance that lack of interest will lead to failure. Thus, the fewer there are, the more apathy that is created. No longer are there general student body meetings or rallies for football games.

With the decline in school activities comes an incline in goings-on outside Hartnell. Students today are somewhat

more affluent and more mobile. These factors lead to expanding interests beyond the realm of school. A weekend ski trip or rock concert is many times chosen over a football game or school play.

Many students also enter Hartnell with a negative attitude. They fail to involve themselves with a "non-four year school" with the feeling that it is in some way inferior. The stigma that Miss Handley says, "used to be true," still has its effects upon student interest, though she refers to it as "just stupidity."

Even athletics, the most effective instiller of spirit over the years, is seeing a decline in interest. Hartnell's "unique situation of many great athletes at one time" contributed to a "very spirited" environment, believes Mr. Rossi. This led to interest in non-athletic functions also.

Values of athletics are now being questioned by players and fans alike. There are no longer "heroes" and stereotypes have been changed from "big and dumb" to "tactless and self-centered." Also, fewer people speak out to defend the possibility that athletes compete simply for the enjoyment of the sport.

Another factor that "takes most of the steam out of people," says Mr. Rossi, is the negative sensitivity on the part of many individuals. "Minority group situations were never a big problem." Evidently, there was a basic mutual acceptance among most students.

A final determinant of this disinterest at Hartnell is a feeling of apathy toward the existence of apathy. The fact that it is present disturbs only a minority of the students, while a majority lean toward "doing their own thing." Upon observing the ASB Commission of this year and the accomplishments of last year, it appears that plenty of good ideas have been, and are shared, but no one seems especially intent upon enacting them.

Can it become worse? We can only hope that it doesn't for the sake of those who take a sincere interest in the school. The constant turnover rate no doubt proves detrimental to an upswing in interest. However, for the moment, it appears that conditions have reached a point of stabilization.



"Shimmering Trees," a hand-woven Egyptian tapestry, is now on display in the Hartnell Art Gallery. It is placed with the one above and others of its kind, all of them created without the aid of material plans. The exhibit will continue through January 31.



Now, dig and get it straight. This is a photo of your humble Sentinel staff taken before their heist of your neighborhood City Hall. The boys are, from left to right, Walt "Dutch Master"

Rathbun, Tom "Doc Casavan" Edmonson, "Shady," Thomas "Bugsy Schultz" Cherne, and Pat "Legs Domino" Mata.

5c cigar

Reflections from the North County line...

Through the courtesy of the Salinas Antique Car Club, several members of the Panther Sentinel were given the opportunity to stage a scene reminiscent of the mobster era.

With the aid of a 1932 Packard now owned by Mr. Jack Nielsen, pin-stripped suits, stacked heels and brimmed hats by "Mallory" of Fifth Avenue, we were transformed into the image of characters immortalized by author's Oscar Fraley and Elliot Ness in their novel "The Untouchables."

As I stood before this car, the pride and source of prestige for those Americans fortunate enough to own such an elite car, forgotten fragments of past lectures began to stir within my brain. This car was much more than precision workmanship, this car was a monument built in one of this nation's darkest moments. It was the depression and the dust bowls, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and WPA—all of which later came to be captured in the ballads of Woody Guthrie and the dramatic writings, "Grapes of Wrath" and "East of Eden."

The depression was a bitter period of wealth and luxury for few and indebted poverty for most. In the wake of the stock market crash came endless streams of "hard time" migrants in search of

work with little or none to be found. Theirs was a day-to-day existence with little future hope or prospect.

This period in American history also witnessed such notorious underworld figures as: "Ma" Barker, Clyde Borough, Al Capone, "Machine Gun" Kelley, and

John Dillinger. Each became a legendary by-product of a time devoid of all reality and mind...

And so it was on a damp and windswept Friday afternoon that: "Legs" Domino, "Dutch" Master, "Bugsy" Schultz and "Doc" Casavan rode off to City Hall in the memory of what once was.

Tales of China, space here

Garth A. Hull, a program officer for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at the Ames Research Center was the third lecturer in the Hartnell Presents Series, "Space in the 1970's," Jan. 8.

The speaker said space exploration costs you only a "penny out of every tax dollar and may give you such benefits as perfect ball bearings and early damaged crop detection. The space department has been working on a limited budget since funds have been reduced from \$3.2 billion a year two years ago to \$3.0 billion today. Space funds are second from the bottom of the U.S. budget.

The Ames Research Center at Moffett Field is strong in aeronautics and has the job of exploring Jupiter. The Pioneer 10 mission is the one that has recently taken pictures of

Jupiter at close range and is continuing its journey to the end of the solar system.

The Mariner and Pioneer programs will be exploring the solar system in the years to come. Four Russian spacecraft are on their way to Mars "right now," according to Mr. Hull. The U.S. will land a craft on Mars in mid-1976. Interest in Mars has sprung up as a result of evidence that it has an environment suitable to some form of life. Such evidence includes water erosion, 24.6 hour days, polar caps and warm equatorial temperatures (up to 80 degrees).

There is a planned link-up between a Russian and a U.S. spacecraft in the future. Three U.S. and two Russian space travelers will be involved.

"If man is going to live together, man is going to have to

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VITA - volunteer now

VITA is a program in which Hartnell students can receive free training in the preparation of basic income tax forms while performing a worthwhile community service. Through this program, students will assist elderly and lower income tax payers with their 1973 returns.

"Volunteer helpers will visit shut-ins in their home or be assigned to assistance centers throughout the community to help taxpayers in their own neighborhoods to complete their returns fully and accurately," says Mr. H. Bruce McClane, Hartnell director of the program.

A six week special training course will begin the first week of February. One series will be offered from 1 p.m.-2:15p.m. daily and another Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

"This program would be a good project for clubs. It's an excellent way to do something worthwhile," says Dick Stafford, director of community services.

Persons interested in volunteering for VITA should contact the Hartnell Office of Community Services.

Young children to be developed here

Salinas parents with pre-school children will be able to take advantage of Hartnell's "Early Childhood Development" program beginning Feb. 5. Twenty-four local children, ages 3-5, will be accepted on a first come basis.

Child Development is a program with two objectives: it provides a teaching vehicle for Hartnell students and offers a community service.

"The project will feature the latest early childhood development techniques," says Mrs. Kammie Whieldon, coordinator of the course.

The pre-schoolers will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:30-3:30 p. m. at the First Methodist Church.

Anyone interested should contact Hartnell's Office of Community Services, 422-9606.

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Ralph Nader, testifying here before a Senate committee, will speak at Hartnell Jan. 25 in the new gym at 8 p.m. The appearance of the consumer activist is sponsored by the ASB. Recent speakers are featured on page 5.

"Tara" doesn't stop here any more (for Kevin Manning and Taft Miller)

a time it was
those measured moments
amidst the harvest song;
Tara sought a destination
while I preferred to walk my life with none.

she came to me by way of empty pockets and dusty boots
like a humble late-night Pilgrim who gathers at Gethsemane,
and when the warmth of the golden velvet dawn unfolded
she sought her penance at the hands of the hopeless
who could offer her none. . .

and so it was,
in her hour of desperation
that Tara turned her back to the wall
never once realising that she might fall.

like a Princess among paupers,
she came seeking patience

for mercy the world offered her none.
"Tara," how shall I tell you of the things that must be said
and yet never will?

shall I recite to you the 'Laws of Priority,'
or shall I cast your fleeing memory into the
Waters of Lethe,

where eventually it will sink?
peace and serenity were as timely to you as the rising tide,
and yet nowhere was either to be found
as you busied yourself
paving a path to Calvary.

thus it is
that only I remain
submerged in quiet ruin
with a life lamp that has lost its glow. . .
and in these days of dust and late long shadows,
I pull down the sky to see the blue
and wait for the calling of a gentle voice
to draw my harvest inn.

--Walt Rathbun

Tales of China and space at Hartnell

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work together," said Hull. Space exploration could be the "common project" to help.

The soon to be completed Sky Lab program was discussed with animated slides of the inside of the 3 room craft. The vehicle includes food warming and refrigerating appliances, toilet facilities built into a wall (also illustrated) and sleeping quarters where the crew members climb into their wall-covering sleeping bags and float through the night. Mr. Hull also showed an outside view of the now amputated sun-screened lab.

After a question and answer period where questions were brought up concerning ion drive, manned space flight to Mars and "black holes" Mr. Hull concluded the discussion with, "a program like space exploration will never solve tomorrow's problems. It was never meant to solve those problems."

Petrusian's Black Holes

"The Creation of the Universe and the newly discovered 'Black Holes' were the subject matter discussed Wednesday by Dr. Vahe Petrosian, Astrophysics professor at Stanford University.

Among the astronomer's past activities are consultant to the Kitt Peak National Observatory, research Fellow at the California Institute of Technology and visiting scientist at the Institute of Theoretical Astronomy in Cambridge, England.

The lecture was the fourth in the series "Space and the 1970's."

The next and final showing in this series will be the film "2001, A Space Odyssey" at Salinas High, Jan. 24 at 8 p.m.

China, U.S. are 'Superpowers'

Asian specialist Robert Scalapino lectured on "China and the USA" last Friday night in the Hartnell Gym. About 45-50 ignored the chilly weather to hear Scalapino speak of China's relationship with our country, Japan, the Soviet Union, and the Third World.

Scalapino was a member of a 14-person group who were quests of the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs. He and the group visited Canton, Peking,

Shanyang, Nanking, Shanghai, and Hangchow from Dec. 11, 1972, to Jan. 6, 1973.

Scalapino told the audience that according to China's view of the world, the United States and the Soviet Union both make up what are called the "superpowers" because the two challenge all other nations in some way. He went on to tell of China's new interest in what is called "the second intermediate zone", comprised of Western Europe and Japan.

He claimed that China wants to cultivate Japan, appeal to the Japanese nationalism, and weaken the ties between Japan and the United States. China also doesn't believe Japan should operate as a pacifist state any longer.

For those readers who don't know, the Afro and Asian worlds

make up one whole idea called the Third World. Scalapino said that the Third World has "good relations" with China and the Chinese send select specialists to Third World nations to instruct inhabitants on the building and operating of factories.

What disturbed Scalapino most about China was the lack of intellectual freedom inside the universities. In one university, the average student is allowed four courses, three of which consist of political science, the history of Communist China and Russia, and Marxism.

The educational capacity inside the universities and colleges in China differs greatly from that of other nations. Only 100,000 people out of a vast 800 million are attending higher education.

Life in '76?

By Fred Rimando

"Harriet," I said staring at the menu that was set before me, "Isn't this a nice restaurant?"

"Nice?" she rebutted, "More like fancy to me. Okay, Billy... why the treatment? First, you called ME for a date... You even picked me up and paid my way into the movies! Now this. I'm starting to get worried about you... you're not acting like the other guys.

What would my girlfriends say if they found out a guy actually ASKED me out for a date! I'll be laughed out of town."

"Oh C'mon Harriet, you knew that I was for Men's Lib since the day you asked me to be your boyfriend." I said as I went down the list. "MMM... a steak dinner with fries, salad, a buttered roll and a choice of drinks for \$15.95. Boy, prices are going down fast. In no time at all, steak will be at all the super-markets!"

"That'll be the day!" Harriet sighed, taking a cigar out of her shoes and lighting it.

She looked so beautiful just sitting there puffing away on the White Owl. Like all sophisticated ladies do in front of company. It reminded me of my last girl...

"Billy, isn't this romantic?

Sitting together, by candle light. I don't know why, but I got goose-bumps all over me." She said giving me the LOOK.

Looking away... I noticed I had goose-bumps, too. "Gee. I wish the power plant hadn't gone out of business."

I shook my head despairingly and looked up at the huge picture that cluttered many a building now-a-days and the caption that read:

"We are all in this Together"
Tricky Dick

"Billy... Billy! You're not listening to me! Did you hear what I said?" she said in a soft pitch. It resembled that of Marilyn Monroe. Her eyebrows moved in a weird way, too, as she spoke. "Let's leave. My apartment is waiting."

Hmm. I thought to myself. She moved faster than I did. We both got up and were about to leave when the waitress stopped us and asked why we were leaving.

I simply said, "We're going to find out if there is such a thing as an Energy Shortage." Harriet laughed, and the waitress went about her business.

I took my key and unlocked my 10-speed. "Hop On!" I said. "My Mom wants me home before dark."



Action on the line! Two key figures in the Menlo game were 6'11" Mark Dickey (the one who is jumping) of Menlo, and Dave Kendrick (jumping with him) of Hartnell. They vied for possession of the ball throughout the game, but Dickey kept rebounds away from Hartnell with his greater height and reach.

And the band played on

During the Menlo game, the Pep Band (below) tried to motivate the audience by setting the right mood. The band is a regular at home games.



Hartnell bumped by Menlo . . .

By Tom Cherne

The fortunes of the Hartnell Panthers turned sour last Saturday night as they lost to a powerful Menlo Oak squad 82-60 at home.

The loss dropped the Harts a full game behind the Peninsula college in the Coast Conference standings, and left Coach Len Wilkins' charges with the tough assignment of having to beat Menlo on its own court to stay alive in the race. The next game between the two teams will be February 9 at Menlo.

According to Wilkins, the visitors outplayed the Panthers in just about every aspect of the game. The main difference in the contest though was the rebounding as the home squad could muster only 16 grabs for the night. Defense was also a key to the game as the Oak's effective back court press seemed to hurry Hartnell into a lot of careless mistakes.

About the only thing the Salinas team did a better than average job all night was in its free throw shooting, converting all 16 attempts from the charity stripe. Unfortunately that wasn't enough.

Dave Kendrick led the scoring with 16 points, followed by Ray Canepa with 14. Ernie Pascua and Allen George had 10 each to round out the double figure effort. The Harts shot 41 per cent from the field.

Earlier in the week the Panthers had Cabrillo 88-85 at Cabrillo for their sixth consecutive victory and 11th win in 12

games. Kendrick, George and Canepa were the big guns for the squad once again as they scored over 20 points each and accounted for 72 points between them. But, the victory was a shaky one as the Harts had an 87-73 lead with a minute and a half to play and nearly blew the ball game.

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During Christmas vacation the roundballers won all four of the games they played. The victories came at the expense of Porterville, West Hills, Victory

Valley and the conference opener against North Peralta. The Peralta win was a good one, as the Panthers beat one of the Coast Conference's two new teams by 13 points, 88-75.

The loss to Menlo gives the men from Hartnell a 2-1 won-loss record in the seven-team league. This Tuesday the Harts will play M.P.C. in an away game. Next home contest for Hartnell will be against Ohlone Saturday, January 26 as they host the Renegades. Game time for both contests is 7:30.



Ken Guido tries for a shot against Menlo.

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On the move . . .

Football:

As you all probably heard by now . . . Gavilan College's football squad has been stripped recently of its championship crown by order of the California Junior College Association and the State Athletic Committee because of violations of the CJCA's transfer rules.

Thus, the Coast Conference was placed on probation for the 1974-75 season unless the C.C. provides, in writing, to SAC assurance that each college and the conference will comply with the adopted SAC code, among other things.

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W. A. A.

On January 28-31, the W.A.A. members will be skiing at Dodge Ridge (located near Sonora, Calif.)

Two Olympic speakers (among others) will appear at the Asilomar Conference being held in Monterey on March 2-3. Junior and State colleges and universities

throughout California will be there to exchange ideas . . .

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A Cultural Fair is in the blueprint and we need ideas for it. It will be held sometime in April or May. Contact any member of the I.C.C. or Jerry Hunsucker.

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Swimming:

Steve Dagnall, Matt Thomson, Pat Brennand, John Moyes, Velvie Riichardson, Dana Tregen and Marsha Stockton are the people who will be competing on this year's swimming squad.

"Individually, they should do well . . . like in the championships. They should make the finals," Coach Garibaldi noted.

As of now the team is lacking in depth. If anyone is interested in this very competitive sport, contact Coach Garibaldi or anyone mentioned above. Workouts are from 2-4 p.m. weekdays. You have now or next semester to join.

Photo of the weak . .



Recently, the Journalism staff held a poll on deciding whose figure depicted the Man of the Future . . . well, students of Hartnell, we have finally found the perfect model (?). Here he is, in some flesh and mostly bones . . . the MAN OF THE YEAR '73 and the STUD OF THE FUTURE . . .

Sufferin' Laughing Cough.

(Caution: Cigarette smoking may be hazardous to your health).

(Photo by David Miller)

Basketball games '74

Basketball games left in the '73-'74 season are as follows:

MPC	Jan. 23
Ohlone	Jan. 26*
Gavilan	Jan. 30
North Peralta	Feb. 2*
Cabrillo	Feb. 6*
Menlo	Feb. 9
Skyline	Feb. 13
MPC	Feb. 16*
Ohlone	Feb. 20
Gavilan	Feb. 23*

*Home Games

Game time, 7:30 p.m. unless indicated.

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Swimming Schedule

Below are the games scheduled
for this year's swimming team '74.

West Valley and A.C.	Feb. 15
Northern Calif. Relays	Feb. 23 x
Monterey	Mar. 1*
Cabrillo	Mar. 8*
CCSF & Contra Costa	Mar. 20*
Menlo	Mar. 22
Gavilan	Mar. 29
C. C. Championships	Apr. 5-6*x
N. Cal. Champnsps.	Apr. 19-20
Masters A.A.U.	Apr. 27-28*x
State Championships	May 2-3-4 x

*Home Games

xAll Day